(c) and (d) The procedure related to safety and upbringing of adopted Indian children has been provided under 'Guidelines for Adoption from India-2006' which is available on CARA's web site www.adoptioindia.nic.in.

Impact of declining sex ratio

4258. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that declining sex ratio has led to buy brides from other States;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this gives rise to trafficking of women and other crimes; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government to check this trend ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) As per information received from the Government of Haryana, the State Government is aware that declining sex ratio has led to buying of brides from other States. However, they have reported that it is not a fact that this gives rise to trafficking of women and children and other crimes in Haryana. As per the information received from State Government of Punjab, the declining sex ratio in the State has started taking its toll affecting the availability of brides who are becoming scarcer.

(c) The major steps to check female feticide include: (i) A National Monitoring and Inspection Committee (NIMC) has been constituted at the Centre to take stock of the ground realities by field visits to the problem States (ii) A Committee has been set up under Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, as per recommendations of the Central Supervisory Board Meeting, to amend the PC & PNDT Act to make it more stringent.(iii) A National Support and Monitoring Cell with external assistance has been set up for effective implementation of the Act by appointing professionals from police, medical, law and social science as full time consultants, (iv) The appropriate authorities are being sensitized, (v) Medical Community is being sensitized, (vi) Sale of ultrasound machines' is being regulated, (vii) Various publications have been released by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (viii) Meeting of the Central Supervisory Board

are being held regularly. The Ministry is also conducting various sensitization and awareness programmes on the evils of female feticide and to enhance the value of the girl child.

Lack of education as reasons for violence

4259. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN : Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that as per the latest National Family Health Survey-Ill, it has been found that 37.2 percent women had experienced violence and cited lack of education as the key reason behind their woes;

(b) if so, how many cases have been registered so far under the Domestic Violence Legislation and what Government are doing to educate women about their rights under the Act;

(c) the percentage-wise, State-wise number of women suffering from domestic violence in urban and rural areas; and

(d) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) According to National Family Health Survey, 2005-06 (NFHS-3), 37.2 per cent ever-married women in India of 15 to 49 years of age have ever experienced spousal violence. The results present the differentials by residence and education level. NFHS-3 has not collected information on reasons for spousal violence

(b) National Crime Records Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs has informed that it does not maintain information on the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005. However, State/UT-wise cases of Cruelty by Husband and his relatives reported under Section 498A of Indian Penal Code, 1860 during 2003 to 2005 are given in Statement-I (See below). The Government has advised the State Government to take immediate steps to implement the Act and to give wide publicity to the provisions of the Act.

(c) and (d) Statement showing the percentage of ever-married unban and rural women in various States who have ever experienced spousal violence as per NFHS-3 is given at Statement-Il.